

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending. The Office action rejected claims 1-3, 7-8, 11-13 and 17-18. Claims 4-6, 9-10, 14-16 and 19-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

1) The applicant requests allowance of the following currently amended independent claims:

- 1) Currently amended claim 1 is objected to original claim 9 with limitations of original base claim 1.
- 4) Currently amended claim 4 is original claim 4 includes with limitations of original base claim 1 and original intervening claim 3.
- 5) Currently amended claim 5 is original claim 5 with limitations of original base claim 1.
- 10) Currently amended claim 10 is original claim 10 with limitations of original base claim 1.
- 11) Currently amended claim 11 is original claim 19 with limitations of original base claim 11.
- 14) Currently amended claim 14 is original claim 14 with limitations of original base claim 11 and original intervening claim 13.
- 15) Currently amended claim 15 is original claim 15 with limitations of original base claim 11.
- 20) Currently amended claim 20 is original claim 20 with limitations of original base claim 11.

2) The applicant requests allowance of the following new dependent claims.

- 21) New claim 21 is original claim 2 depending from currently amended claim 4.
- 22) New claim 22 is original claim 7 depending from currently amended claim 4.
- 23) New claim 23 is original claim 8 depending from new claim 22.

- 24) New claim 24 is original claim 2 depending from currently amended claim 5.
- 25) New claim 25 is original claim 7 depending from currently amended claim 5.
- 26) New claim 26 is original claim 8 depending from currently amended claim 25.

- 27) New claim 27 is original claim 2 depending from currently amended claim 10.
- 28) New claim 28 is original claim 7 depending from currently amended claim 10.
- 29) New claim 29 is original claim 8 depending from currently amended claim 28

- 30) New claim 30 is original claim 12 depending from currently amended claim 14.
- 31) New claim 31 is original claim 17 depending from currently amended claim 14.
- 32) New claim 32 is original claim 18 depending from new claim 31.

- 33) New claim 33 is original claim 12 depending from currently amended claim 15.
- 34) New claim 34 is original claim 17 depending from currently amended claim 15.
- 35) New claim 35 is original claim 18 depending from new claim 34.

- 36) New claim 36 is original claim 12 depending from currently amended claim 20.
- 37) New claim 37 is original claim 17 depending from currently amended claim 20.
- 38) New claim 38 is original claim 18 depending from new claim 37.

3) Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20-38 as shown above.

4) The applicant wishes to encourage the Examiner to call the applicant's agent at 650-853-0189 for a telephone conference if the Examiner feels that such conference could expedite prosecution.

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